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They also have detailed newspaper cuttings files on over 750 topics that have been compiled since the
1960s.

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News never stops but this file was finished on 31 August 2016.

I will maintain supplements and corrections – contact me for anything you need

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Mike Petty, Stretham

2018

A whirligig proprietor was summoned for driving horses and vehicles on to the village green at Burrough Green and doing damage to the amount of sixpence. Afterwards they fixed swings and roundabouts there. The things were spread about so as to prevent the green being used as a playground as usual. Alfred Ward, (56) said that from his boyhood the green had been used for games by village boys and girls. It was only within the last ten years the fair people had taken their stand on it. They were fined 30s for refusing to leave

1900 07 08

A Burrough Green labourer told the court that for some times the boys of the village had been a source of considerable annoyance by swinging on his gate and he had warned he would pull the ears of the next boy he caught. On Saturday he caught one and punished him in the way he had threatened whereupon the defendant came up and struck him. They all 'rounded' on him at the same time, caught hold of his whiskers, knocked off his hat and tore a sleeve off his coat.

1901 11 27

A hawker from Chelmsford was charged by Burrough Green Parish Council with drawing horses on the village green, in contravention of the bye-laws. The clerk said he saw 15 horses on the green and drew attention to a notice prohibiting vans or horses from standing or staying there. The men refused to give their names. A policeman uncovered a name on the van but there is such a thing as putting a person's horses in another person's van and there was not enough evidence to convict. The proper thing would be to impound the animals. They would then soon find the owner

1910

1910 07 01

A roundabout proprietor was fined for damaging the grass at Burrough Green. The Parish council clerk produced minutes directing him to prevent persons from turning horses onto the village green. On morning he was called to 19 horses grazing there. He told the man to take them off, but he only laughed. It had always been a place of public recreation. The showman said the horses had been taken to the blacksmiths and went across the green, they had not grazed and he'd offered £4 for the horses' feed. The council did not wish to be vindictive and withdrew a second charge of doing damage to the green by driving in a stake 10 07 01d

1910 12 02

In spite of the discomfort and dangers of motoring in dense fog, Sir Charles Rose succeeded in addressing five meeting in his East Cambs constituency on Tuesday evening, finally arriving at Great Wilbraham with the assistance of a guide. But G.H. Verrall decided not to proceed with his motor to hustings at Stetchworth, Dullingham and Burrough Green, sending a telegram to say the fog made driving with motor impossible 10 12 02h – West Cambs 10 12 02i

1912 07 12

A whirligig proprietor was fined for driving stakes into the soil of the village green at Burrough Green. Alfred Ward, (69), said the Green had been a recreation ground as long as he could remember. The fair followed the public houses: 40 years ago it was near the White Hart but when that closed it moved to the Bull. The showmen had pitched on both side of the Green from time immemorial. Landowner Robert Lacey said that when he bought his estate the Green was measured in with it and he paid tithes on it. He had no objection to its use. The Parish Clerk had refused permission but the man had ignored him and a swinging boat proprietor had also parked wagons on the Green. It was only a pleasure fair and had no fairstead rights. 12 07 12i

1920

1924 02 02

An inquiry was held into establishing a water supply for Dullingham, Brinkley, and Burrough Green. In normal times the supply of water to Brinkley was sufficient for their needs. But there was only one

pump and in dry seasons the people had to go very early in the morning and wait a long time. Mrs Webb of Dullingham, said they had not been able to get enough water to wash their clothes, and she could not fancy drinking it after she saw a rat going into the well. The rector of Burrough Green considered the proposal absurd. There was no public water supply. The majority of the cottages were owned by absolutely poor people, everybody was jolly hard up, and now was not the time to put a large expense for a useless object on the backs of the ratepayers.

1925 02 16

The Community Council heard that village halls were of many different types. Some had been designed as assembly rooms only, as at Whittlesford; some were only suitable for social club purposes, as at Burrough Green; some attempted to serve both these purposes by dividing the main space with temporary partitions, such as Bourn; others contained both an assembly hall and club room under the same roof, as at Trumpington. The provision of a village hall did not mean that the social life of the village was satisfactory.

1929 05 02

Burrough Green farmer, p3*

1930

1935 02 11

One of the most remarkable re-unions on record has been enacted in a tiny cottage at Home End, Fulbourn when a man who had been reported 'missing' after the Armistice came face to face with his wife who had long thought him dead. They were married at Burrough Green in 1900 and he enlisted in the Army Ordnance Corps before being posted to India. Still suffering from loss of memory, he is unable to give an account of his movements since the war. It was a great shock for his wife when he stood on the doorstep as she had believed him dead for about 17 years. Now she has notified the Post Office regarding the widow's pension she has been receiving. 35 02 11 his name: William Edwards

1937 05 03

The Rural Community Council's new advisory service for parish councils was launched at Cambridgeshire House. Burrough Green, Caxton, Coton, Gt Chishill, Newton and Longstowe were amongst 18 councils whose wish to affiliate were received. 37 05 03

1939 10 21

Dr William Mortlock Palmer of Linton, the well-known antiquary, started his career with Messrs Campkins, chemists and in 1901 took up practice in Linton, retiring seven years ago. In 1935 he proceeded to an honorary degree of Master of Arts and became a member of Pembroke College. He was best-known as a member of Cambridge Antiquarian Society and wrote several volumes, the last on of the History of Burrough Green. In 1931 he received an address of thanks from Cambridge Town Council for his work on the Borough documents 39 10 21b

1940

1940 03 15

Sacrifice for Finland. There can be few people (writes Watchman) who have made a greater sacrifice in this country for Finland's cause than Mr. R. E. Way, M.A., of Brinkley. Mr. Way has three farms at Burrough Green, Cambridgeshire, and keeps a number of thoroughbred mares at his Hall Stud there, and only recently he purchased a stallion named The Hour. Mr. Way was a familiar figure in the hunting field with the Newmarket and Thurlow Hounds, and his love for horses of all kinds is only equalled by his love for dogs; his large Irish wolfhound was usually to be seen with him when he was walking or riding round his land. Three years ago Mr Way started the Burgh herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, which this year won several prizes at the agricultural shows. Keenly interested in all matters concerning the countryside, Mr Way was a member of the Newmarket Rural District Council and of various societies. Yet he willingly left all at a few hours' notice to go

and join the British contingent of the International Volunteer Force which he regarded as a crusade. Previously he had been rejected for the British Army. Mr Way's employees have been watching the recent moves in the Finnish-Russian war with special interest and they are all hoping that the conclusion of hostilities will result in Mr Way's early return

1941 06 20

Old-time names of villages.— The recent paragraph giving the old-time names of several Cambridge streets has led a correspondent to compile from old books and documents a list of some old-time village names (says Watchman). Most of these old names, it may be said, are taken from the "Cambridgeshire" section of "Magna Britannia," a valuable work compiled by the Rev. David Lysons and Mr. Samuel Lysons and published in the year 1808. The present-day name is given first, the old name following it in parentheses; Abington Pigotts (Abington in the Clay). Babraham (Baburham, Badburgham, and Badburham), Burrough Green (Burgh), Coton (Cotes), Croydon (Crawden), Fowlmere (Foulmire and Fulmere), Harston (Harlston), East Hatley (Castell Hatley), Hatley St. George (Hungry Halley), Hauxton (Hawkstpn), Cherry Hinton (Hinton), Oakington (Hokington), Isleham (Iselham), Horningsea (Hornsey), Kirtling (Chartelinge. Catlige and Catlage). Pampisford (Pamps-worth), Quy or Stow-cum-Quy (Stow-Quy), Thriplow (Triplow). There are, of course, very much older and more peculiar names to some villages, notably those in the Domesday Book, compiled in the time of William the Conqueror and finished in the summer of 1086. The above old names, however, are some which appear to have been in use in comparatively modern times, or, say, 133 years ago. 41 06 20

1950

1952 03 31

Burrough Green was still cut off by snow this morning and has been without milk since Saturday. The driving wind which accompanied the snow have created huge drifts around the village. Speaking by phone from the Post Office Mrs Walsh said: "We are completely snowed up. They tell us we shall be lucky if the road is cleared by this evening". The heavy snow has piled up on the rooftops and percolated beneath the tiles, causing considerable discomfort. Tiles have been ripped off roofs and people have been forced to move their beds downstairs. Everyone was busy shovelling snow.

1952 04 01

Burrough Green, cut off by the blizzard of the week-end, was relieved when Council workmen carved a one-way traffic line through the eight and ten-foot drifts on the main Dullingham Road. One of the first people in the village was the milkman bring the first supply of fresh milk since Saturday morning. Thirty-three snow ploughs have been called into action to assist 27 villages in the Newmarket area. Five passengers who were stranded when an Eastern Counties bus was abandoned at Wickhambrook were put up for the night by people in nearby cottages and did not get back to their homes at Burwell until the afternoon. Then they had to walk over drifts that were often 10 to 12 feet high.

1960s *The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings from this date*

1960

1961 10 06

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They include Burrough Green – 61 10 06 & a CIP

1970

1972 09 30

When the North wind doth blow the children know where to go - to the cloakroom to dress for school dinners. Mid-winter meals have often been taken in topcoats in Burrough Green village near

Newmarket. The trouble lies in the old reading room which stands 50 yards down the road and has been used as a school dining room for the past few years. When villagers built on a kitchen with volunteer labour it meant blocking up the two fireplaces, having one small electric fire. Mrs Maureen Ward said "The school classrooms are well heated and the children go straight out of a warm room and freeze in the reading room. They get such things as gravy and custard on their sleeves if they are wearing their coats"